

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

COUNCIL AGENDA

JUNE 19, 2014 - 7:30 P.M.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT: Under the provisions of N.J.S.A.10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting was given by way of annual notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, and Star Ledger, and posted at Borough Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG and a MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, SERVING HOME AND ABROAD, and OFFICER CHRISTOPHER HOFFMANN

ROLL CALL:

Nehls [] Black [] Franklin [] Joren [] Gibbs [] Beck-Clemens []

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Administration & Finance
2. Police
3. Public Works / Buildings and Grounds
4. Public Affairs:
 - Open Space
 - Environmental
 - Recreation
 - Historical
 - Board of Health
5. Fire
6. Laws/Ordinances

REPORTS - OTHER:

7. Engineer
8. Police Chief
9. Fire Department
10. Rescue Squad
11. Emergency Management
12. Attorney
13. Clerk
14. Administrator

During the conduct of the meeting, unless a Public Hearing is held or the Regular Order of Business is waived, the audience does not participate. A Public Portion is held prior to action taken on Agenda items for agenda item discussion only, and another Public Portion is held at the end of the meeting for general discussion. Individuals commenting from the audience will be limited to three minutes per person, and will not be permitted to speak again until everyone has had an opportunity to speak. If a group is represented by an attorney, the attorney will be given five minutes to make the presentation for the group.

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING OF 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

R1A:06/19/14 Determining Budget to be Read by Title

R1B:06/19/14 Adoption of 2014 Municipal Budget

R1C:06/19/14 Resolution to Amend 2014 Budget

Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance OR:14/11 entitled “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 28-1008, TITLED “PRICING AND RENTAL REQUIREMENTS” FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ASSOCIATION FEES.”

Watchung Planning Board Letter 6/18/14 Recommending the adoption of OR:14/11, as consistent with the Master Plan.

R2:06/19/14 Adoption of OR:14/11 – Amend Code / Affordable Housing Association Fees

Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance OR:14/12 entitled “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 28-1103, TITLED “DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG INCREASING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEES CHARGED TO DEVELOPERS.”

Watchung Planning Board Letter 6/18/14 Recommending the adoption of OR:14/12, as consistent with the Master Plan.

R3:06/19/14 Adoption of OR:14/12 – Amend Code / Affordable Housing Developer Fees

Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance OR:14/13 entitled “AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTIONS 24-2, TITLED “DEFINITIONS” AS TO THE DEFINITION OF “TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT”, “TREE REPLACEMENT”; 24-6A AND B, TITLED “APPLICATION AND TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT”; 24-6C, TITLED “DESIGN CRITERIA”, CHECKLIST A, PARAGRAPH 14, AND CHECKLIST B, PARAGRAPH 7; 24-8, TITLED “DESIGN CRITERIA” (PARAGRAPH J); 24-10, TITLED “TREE REPLACEMENT AND REFORESTATION”; AND 24-11, TITLED “FEES AND BOND”, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG.”

R4:06/19/14 Adoption of OR:14/13 – Amend Code / Tree Replacement

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Borough Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Council. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action.

Approval of the following Council minutes:
June 5, 2014

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:
Open Space Advisory Committee Minutes – May 19, 2014
Police Activity Report – May, 2014
Recreation Minutes – May 7, 2014

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

#21 - Pietro Martino 6/5/14 Letter of resignation as Assistant Fire Chief c: M & C, TEA, TC

#22 - Borough of Bound Brook 6/9/14 Resolution opposing proposed legislation that would authorize County government to create a County Tax Assessment program c: M & C, TEA, EK

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CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: The resolutions listed below were submitted to the Governing Body for review and will be adopted by one motion.

R5:06/19/14 Requesting Permission from DLGS for Dedication By Rider Expenditure of Fees – Watchung Sidewalk Fund

R6: Requesting Permission from DLGS for Dedication by Rider Expenditure of Fees – Ness Property Cleanup

R7: Requesting Permission from DLGS for Dedication by Rider Expenditure of Donations and Fees – Law Enforcement Trust Fund

R8: Authorize Direct Deposit Mandate for Municipal Compensation

R9: Authorize Cancellation of Tax Appeal Reserve

R10: Authorize the Return of Unused Bulky Waste Permit – B. Johansson, E. Koliver

R11: Authorize the Return of Mulch Delivery Fee – R. Santora, N. Fortier

R12: Authorize the Return of Escrow – as listed

R13: Purchases Over \$2,000. – Watchung Senior Citizens

R14: Appointment to Fire Department / Junior Member – Joseph Hammel

R15: Authorize Discharge of Lien – Curb Assessment / 137 Orchard Road

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NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Items listed below will be individually addressed and acted upon accordingly. Council reserves the right to refer an item to Committee for further review and discussion.

Introduction of Ordinance OR:14/14 entitled:

R16:06/19/14 Introduction of Ordinance OR:14/14 – Salary Min/Max

R17: Payment of Bills

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PUBLIC PORTION - GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Borough Council may take official action on those items discussed in executive session upon completion of the executive session.

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ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled Council meeting will be held on July 17, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.